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## GTFF PREPARES TO STRIKE



The Graduate Teach Fellows Federation (GTFF), the union that represents graduate employees at the University of Oregon has been bargaining for a new contract for about a year. For much of this year GTFF bargained alongside their union cousins at SEIU 503, participating in joint actions. Classified workers of SEIU secured an agreement from management just two days before they were set to go on strike. Leaving GTFF as the only union at the university in bargaining. Like SEIU, GTFF is hoping the administration will come to the table with a fair deal in the last minute before a strike.

Near the end of Spring term of this year, GTFF entered mediation, where instead of bargaining directly with the administration a state mediator sits in between them or relays ideas back and forth. A decision made by the administration, seeing they were not getting anywhere at the bargaining table before. After ten mediation sessions, GTFF declared impasse, a step that made it possible for the union to strike. Fast forward to Fall term and the administration made some concessions, but they were still apart when it comes to wages and healthcare. That is why the GTFF declared their intent to strike on November 4.

The GTFF has long had an independent health insurance system, where the administration can only bargain for how much they contribute to the GTFF healthcare trust. Right now the administration contributes 95% to all health insurance costs to the trust, and members have to pick up just 5% of costs. Many GEs see the health insurance a prize of the union that keeps them at the UO for their graduate career. For much of bargaining the administration was insistent on making cuts to GEs healthcare.

Rachel Hampton, a third year PhD student and graduate employee at the University of Oregon, saw the benefits of the GTFF health insurance first hand when she had a medical emergency four months into her graduate career. When she came to the university she didn't think much about the healthcare benefits, being young and athletic. Rachel's health started to deteriorate and had to receive healthcare from what she learned was a spinal disease. GTFF's health insurance not only picked up the cost of her surgery, but care and prescriptions after, something that would put many others in bankruptcy.

While the administration can not change the structure to the health insurance, they said they wanted to reduce the money they provide for health insurance over the next few years. The GTFF has stood firm in saying they will not accept cuts to healthcare.

In the middle of October, not seeing adequate progress, 1,044 GTFF members voted to authorize a strike. Which is 95% of voters and over 86% of membership took part in voting. The GTFF announced the vote results at a rally on November 18 grabbing the attention of many undergraduates present at the Street Faire that was also happening. The following Thursday GTFF held an informational picket with about 50 members out, to show the university what a strike could look like. Later that day the union officially filed their intent to strike on Tuesday, November 4.

The following day after GTFF declared intent to strike the UO management bargaining team backed off making cuts to health insurance. Both sides of the bargaining table described that mediation session as the "most productive meeting" of bargaining, in a joint statement. The GTFF still has outstanding economic asks as of this writing: 3% raises for each of the three years of the contract for the lowest paid GEs and full visa reimbursement for its international GEs.

GTFF hopes they have averted a strike with this breakthrough and is able to get the administration to meet them on the outstanding bargaining issues. The two sides meet again for a mediation session on Tuesday. The strike threat is still on the table and if the GTFF does not get a fair contract before November 4, they will go on strike.

There will be a Ready to Strike Rally on November 1st at noon in front of Johnson Hall.

by Matthew Osborn-Grosso. Matthew Osborn-Grosso is a community organizer and writes a weekly newsletter with a focus on labor that can be found at [solidarity.substack.com](https://solidarity.substack.com).



## Activists Shut Down Port to Stop Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion

Vancouver, WA - Work was halted on Thursday October 17 for 6 hours at the Port of Vancouver, Washington, by community members blockading a rail line that is transporting pipe for the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion project. In early September, activists broke the news that pipe for the project's construction is being imported by ship to the Port of Vancouver. Yesterday's action at the gates of Terminal 5 caused a major delay as pipe was being loaded onto trains destined for British Columbia. If constructed, the Trans Mountain Expansion would transport an additional 590,000 barrels of toxic, heavy crude every day from the Alberta Tar Sands to the shores of British Columbia. This boost in export shipments would cause a 700% increase in oil tankers in the Salish Sea, threaten endangered Orca whales, and violate Indigenous rights. Moreover, the emissions from such an expansion of tar sands oil production could spell game over for our climate. This mega project, which is larger than the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline, is opposed by Indigenous communities throughout the region, whose local waters, lands, and way of life would be directly threatened by project construction and the risk of an oil spill. "Trans Mountain poses a grave threat, not only to communities throughout the Salish Sea and interior Canada," said activist Nick Haas, "but to the very stability of our global climate. We're taking action today to keep tar sands in the ground!"

The protest, organized by Portland Rising Tide and Mosquito Fleet, included concerned Oregonians and Washingtonians, who are continuing the fight against this project which has been ongoing since 2014. By blockading the rail line in two spots, activists effectively shut down Terminal 5 for the entire business day. "We are standing in solidarity with the Indigenous tribes whose unceded territory is directly threatened by this pipeline route. We refuse to stand idly by and watch this machinery of destruction roll through our community unchallenged," said activist Madeline Cowen. Both organizations are working with other groups across the west coast in the U.S. and Canada to pressure Prime Minister Trudeau, Governor Inslee and the Port of Vancouver, WA, who are all supporting this project. We demand they stop the Trans Mountain Expansion project immediately, respect the rights of Indigenous groups, and halt any further fossil fuel expansion.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

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### Red Flags on the Condon Lawn

Every year in mid-October, the UO Women's center and volunteers place 3,250 flags on the lawn between Lillis and Knight Library. This number represents how many students, on a campus of our size, will experience sexual violence during the school year.

While this gesture brings attention to the astounding number of people who are sexual assaulted on campus, it also tokenizes the experience of sexual assault survivors. It also has the potential to upset the thousands of survivors that walk past it every day on their way to class. It does little more than trigger survivors, as well as scare people; taunting them - "this could happen to you too!"

As a survivor of sexual assault, the flags feel degrading and performative. I'm triggered every time I hustle to the library or bike home down 13th avenue. I've spoken to several people who feel the same way.

The experience of my rape is exemplified by the fear of walking alone at night; being scared to wear short skirts; never letting my drink out of my grip at the bar; waking up in cold sweats; having trouble trusting my partners. A flag cheapens my experience.

The red flags on the Condon lawn reduce a horrible experience into a cheap, plastic object - a dehumanizing token - in order to educate people about statistics. Everyone on campus knows that sexual assault happens. The problem is that people don't know what to do with that information. The Women's Center, and especially the University, could use their time, money, and energy to change that. Advertising resources for survivors of assault, expanding those resources, and providing self defense classes should be prioritized over flaunting statistics.

These red flags do not prevent sexual violence before it occurs. The flags don't make rapists think twice before they attack. The flags simply remind me and others that we are victims, casualties, and statistics.



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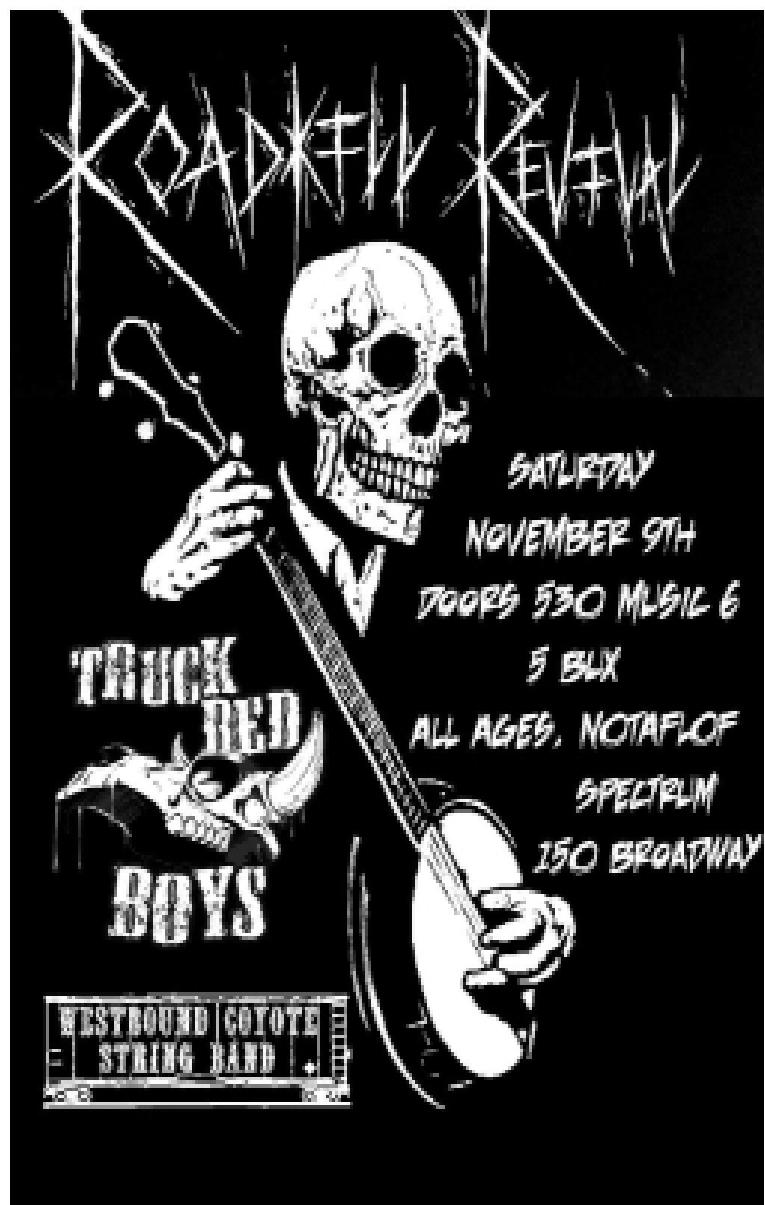
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### CASCADIA ACTION NETWORK UO Campus Sustainable Development Campaign



While Graduate Educators are striking for a fair wages and adequate health insurance coverage, tuition is being raised, and the UO administration claims that we don't have the ability to pay to switch to renewable sources for the UO Central Power Station, our campus is expanding rapidly, including the construction of a new Hayward Field stadium that in no way serves the overall needs of the student population. Excess construction like this caused the university to spend millions on updates and expansion of the campus power station between 2010 and 2012, increasing our carbon footprint. Cascadia Action Network demands that our university place the needs of students and the campus and local community, and the urgency of addressing the climate crisis, above needless expansion, and that what development does happen on our campus is meaningful and focused on reducing our environmental impact and increasing social equity, not the opposite. UO, Bring back the plans capping our total energy use immediately, and put solar panels all across campus, especially on new buildings! Email us at [climatechangesux@gmail.com](mailto:climatechangesux@gmail.com) or attend our Monday evening meetings if you agree and want to make change happen!



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## IN MEMORIAM

### They Can't Stop Us; Why Break Windows?

by Armenio Lewis aka Sean Kealiher

# Activist Sean Kealiher Murdered in Portland

A prominent anti-fascist activist was murdered during the early hours of October 12th outside of Portland's Cider Riot – a popular left-wing watering hole.

Sean Kealiher, who also used the aliases Armenio Lewis and Yaka, was struck by a black SUV. His friends drove him to the hospital, but he soon died due to blunt force trauma. Sean was only 23 years old.

After Sean was hit, someone fired shots at the vehicle and it crashed into the Oregon Democratic party headquarters. That's when the perpetrators fled the scene. There is currently a makeshift memorial on the wall of the ODP headquarters.

The situation is being investigated as a homicide, which implies it was intentional or reckless. No arrests have been made. Rose City Antifa tweeted that the incident was not related to fascist activity. Given the location of the incident and the high profile of the victim, many people think that fascists were involved. Kealiher's murder is still being investigated.

## In Memoriam by Laurabell

Sean was one of the most dedicated activists I've ever met. He was at every single protest I've attended in the last eight years in Portland. Sean was always ready to throw down against the fasc and prepared to protect any folks who needed help.

Once you cracked through that (barely-intimidating) Anarchist shell, Sean was incredibly sweet. He offered to be my friend when I first started high school; he would often walk me home from the bus stop. Sean had an unmatched sense of humor and knew how to make his friends laugh. Sean loved his comrades, his siblings, and his mother.

Gregory McKelvey, a prominent Portland activist, had this to say about Sean: "every single protest, he's there. If you were standing against the police, the state, or authority in general he was going to be there"

From a young age Sean was well versed in the etiquette of organizing protesting. He had so much knowledge about theory and was a true anarchist. And damn, that kid knew how to argue.

People around the world are lighting flares into the sky in Sean's honor, and posting photos with the hash tag #LightTheSkyForSean.

Sean will be remembered by his family, friends, neighbors. This loss is a terrible blow to Oregon's antifascist community. His revolutionary spirit was snuffed out far too soon. We must keep on fighting, for Sean and for our future. Sean's mother, Laurianne Kealiher, said "drink some whiskey, smoke a bowl, and just do it. That's how he lived and died."

The following is an excerpt of a piece written by Sean, published in the POWER issue of Student Insurgent in 2016.



The attack is the most beautiful moment an anarchist can undertake. Feeling the adrenaline of rushing to a window with a rock in hand, or the moments before striking a cop with your fist. Planting the bomb, pulling the trigger, shouting FUCK THE POLICE! The attack is an experience unlike any other, one many of us desire to experience, and many of us have experienced. We get tingles and a rush of adrenaline just thinking about it. Picturing ourselves tossing the lit Molotov at a line of riot police is one of the most entertaining daydreams all of us have. Power alone in scandalous thoughts many in our own milieu have tried to extinguish. They tell us we can't blow up a social relationship, but time and time again we show them we had a hell of a time trying.

Anarchist attack is a tradition, and a foundational base of anarchy. Without the attack as the actualization of our desires and dreams, what are we but bitter Marxists begging the working class to follow us? Without the attack we are but mere political elites, constantly talking down to the slaves "below" us in hopes of them joining our ranks, by signing up for our Listserv or joining in our boring chants about the "power" of the "working class". We are just sophisticated creatures who talk talk talk.

The attack serves as a reaction to the constant tensions between those below and those above. Our declarations of hatred are a downtrodden reaction to the strengthening grip social order holds around our throats. The bomb is planted not only to instigate against us, social and material grips on our self, locking the gate to our unique selves, declaring us criminals and roaches to be crushed under the boots of state tyranny, capital exploitation, and sexual shame. So much power pressing us against the walls in hopes to keep us there, willingly working and slaving away to continue the death march to extinction for profit and power. Boots on our throats, hands on our necks, and knives to our crotches, and they wonder why we react!

But among this reaction, this tension, we still do the work of our enemies for them. Shaming other comrades, letting liberals boss us around because we don't fit the criteria for their petty leadership. Selling out other comrades on ideological lines and dogmatic principles. Solidarity can feel dead at times, even at a moment when passion burns brightest.

At this point in history we have reached an interesting rock and hard place with lines blurred between right and wrong, where the liberal fog of non-violent "resistance" is but a facade fewer and fewer individuals are upholding. A time when Molotov cocktails have been thrown in America. A time where it feels as if nihilist anarchism is growing in popularity. A time where Murray Bookchin's ideas have actually inspired a revolution. We are currently holding our breaths, humming before the tension reaches a boiling point. So, why break windows you ask? Simply put, why the fuck not?

## RECENT ACTIONS

# BREAKING: Activists Shut Down Vancouver Port to Stop Export of Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Infrastructure

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## Last Week's Blockade Was Just the Beginning. We will stop the Trans-mountain Expansion Pipeline by Any Means Necessary

It was a cold cloudy morning in Vancouver, Washington. Fifteen or twenty of us were huddled in a parking lot next to a U-Haul truck, chatting nervously. We were moments away from risking our freedom to fight a massive fossil fuel infrastructure project. On October 17, our ragtag crew from around the state was preparing to erect a barricade in the rail yard of Terminal 5 at the Port of Vancouver.

A few minutes before deployment, I got a ride to the site to scout the area. I walked for about ten minutes onto Port property, to a vantage point from a bridge of the yard. From there, I could see that many of the staff were working about a mile down the line. I gave the all clear through on Signal (an encrypted text-messaging service), and in moments the U-haul was pulling into the open gate of the yard, and within fifteen minutes, we were fully set up. On one set of tracks, one of our comrades was on top of a 16 ft metal tripod, with three more people locked to the legs, and on the other, two older activists had locked in to a Sleeping Dragon lock down barrel. At 3pm, we unlocked, knowing that we had halted all work at the yard that day.

Earlier this year, we learned through the work of the Mosquito Fleet, a climate action group that focuses on kayaktivism and on-the-water action, that pipe for the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion (TMX) Project was being shipped by from India through our local port in Vancouver, Washington, and then onto rail for its final destination in British Columbia. Through our direct action, we were able to shut down the rail-line that is being used to transport pipe for TMX for an entire day, and further delay its construction and the flow of tar sands oil to global markets. If built, TMX would transport an additional 590,000 barrels of toxic, heavy crude oil every day from the Alberta Tar Sands to the shores of British Columbia. This boost in export shipments would cause a 700% increase in oil tankers in the Salish Sea, threaten endangered Orca whales, and violate the rights and sovereignty of First Nations across Canada. As such, this pipe, which is larger than the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline, is opposed by Indigenous communities throughout the region, whose local waters, lands, and way of life stands to be directly impacted by project construction and the risk of an oil spill. Moreover, the pipeline poses a grave threat, not only to communities throughout the Salish Sea and interior Canada, but to the very stability of our global climate.

That is why we will fight to stop the shipment of this pipeline by any means necessary. That is why we stand in solidarity with the Indigenous tribes whose unceded territory is directly threatened by this pipeline. That is why we stand in solidarity with the marginalized demographics the world over that are already experiencing the impacts of the climate crisis first-hand. That is why we stand in solidarity with the Port of Vancouver workers and the Vancouver Longshoreman's Union who have fought against fossil fuel infrastructure in their port for decades. That is why we refuse to stand idly by and watch this machinery of destruction roll through our community unchallenged.

We cannot rely on our elected officials to stop these projects. Many of decision-makers involved frame themselves as 'climate leaders'; from the Port of Vancouver Commissioners, two which campaigned on anti-fossil fuel platforms, and whom recently banned all new fossil fuel terminals in the port, to the Washington Governor and former 'climate candidate', Jay Inslee who ran for President on climate action — we see the hypocrisy that we have grown accustomed to from our politicians. We cannot wait for them to save us, and so we must take matters into our own hands to fight climate chaos, and TMX.

This blockade is just the beginning of our efforts to stop this pipeline. We will continue to organize both on the land and on the water, until we win.

- Earwig

Portland Rising Tide is a local group that is part of a global grassroots network that uses education and direct action to address the root causes of climate change. [portlandrisingtide.org](http://portlandrisingtide.org)  
Mosquito Fleet is a local group that organizes on-water direct action to halt the export of oil, gas and coal through the Salish Sea. Additional photos of the action can be found here. [mosquitofleet.us](http://mosquitofleet.us)



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This is a volunteer position at first, with potential for a stipend later on. If interested, come to a meeting or email [InsurgentUO@gmail.com](mailto:InsurgentUO@gmail.com)

# Grassroots Victory: Thurston Hills Clear Cut Blocked

by Wildcats. Multiple grassroots organizations have succeeded in stopping the Thurston Hills Timber Sale. The Thurston Hills clearcut proposal, ironically named the "Pedal Power" timber sale, proposed logging over 100 acres of BLM land bordering both recreational and residential areas. The Thurston Hills natural area, which the logging proposal bordered, is a designated recreation area that public tax dollars and many hours of volunteer labor went into when it was designated years ago. In fact, just ten miles from campus, Thurston Hills provides some of the closest mountain biking and hiking trails for the Eugene community. The so called "Pedal Power" timber sale would have constructed miles of new biking trails through a fresh 100 acre clearcut. Although mountain biking through a clear cut would be a great way to be exposed to industrial logging, it might be too depressing for a casual Saturday outing.

In addition to undercutting the recreational value of this area, the Thurston Hills clearcut proposal would have drastically increased the risk and severity of wildfire in the area if one was to occur. The Thurston Hills forest is adjacent to a number of family residences and lies just up the hill from the community of people that live in Thurston, so drastically increasing fire danger so close to where people live would have been reckless and irresponsible. It would have been a pointless risk for community members just for the BLM to make a quick buck on 100 acres of timber.

Eugene environmental groups and forest defenders chose to fight and organize around this "Pedal Power" timber sale due to its impacts to recreation, proximity to our local community and threat to nearby homeowners. The organizations that helped defend the Thurston Hills Area include Cascadia Wildlands, the Climate Justice League of UO, Cascadia Forest Defenders, Extinction Rebellion Eugene, Oregon Wild, FUSEE, and Climate Revolution by Bike. These different organizations used different techniques and worked both autonomously and dependently of each other to eventually win!

Cascadia Wildlands, a grassroots wildlands defense organization based here in Eugene, worked hard raising awareness about the sale, visiting the threatened forest and ensuring that the BLM heard an earful from clearcutting opponents every step of the way. Cascadia's field checking trips brought community members out to survey, the proposed clear cut area, collect data and write comments to the BLM about why this forest should be spared from the blade. Field checking is a powerful grassroots act because it builds community, helps people establish a relationship to the land, and

## Femme Militia Protests Taylor's Bar and Grill

Four concerned University of Oregon students, under the collective name, Femme Militia, zip-tied two protest signs on the exterior railings of Taylor's Bar & Grill on 894 E 13th Ave, Tuesday, October 1st, 2019. The intentions of these signs, stating, "We Are Not Safe Here" and "Shut Down Taylor's", was to draw attention to the serious crimes that have taken place on the premises or have occurred as a result of the misconduct of Taylor's staff and ownership.

The bar's liquor license has been under review this past summer due to 42 police reported incidents within a 22 month period\*, but it has still been allowed to keep its doors open during this evaluation period, due to their possession of a Conditional Letter of Authority. These reports, delineated by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, record at least 9 instances of violence against female identified people, including sexual and physical assault and drugging of said patrons, in addition to 14 violent encounters with male identified people.

Femme Militia feels there has been a lack of administrative action surrounding these incidents and is appalled at the University of Oregon for not advocating for the suspension of Taylor's operations in accordance with the City of Eugene's recommendation\*\*, nor warning students of the bar's negligence after the first reports had been filed against the institution, as early as 2017, when survivors came forward to the Eugene Police Department.

With a new school year starting, Femme Militia demands the shut down of Taylor's Bar & Grill for the safety of UO students and other patrons, as well as a form of retroactive decency for the survivors who have and haven't come forward.

actually accomplishes change. With the data we found in the field and the strong voices of locals opposed to the sale, Cascadia was then able to file a legal challenge to the sale, and this September, legally halted the sale in a federal court of law!

Meanwhile, Climate Justice League worked to educate students at the University of Oregon about the timber sale through tabling and handing out information. It was one of their major campaigns of the 2018-2019 school year.

In order to express their solidarity with this movement, a group of people associated with Cascadia Forest Defenders organized a tree sit protest on the UO campus in April to get the word out about the timber sale and a town hall meeting that was happening later that week. They spread the message that forest defense is climate defense, and that removing trees not only adds to the negative impacts of climate change but also reduces our earth's capacity to mitigate climate change.

Each group approached protecting this forest with different tactics and came together to host the aforementioned town hall meeting this past April. There, people came together to learn the details about what was happening and speak their minds in response. And you better believe that if we hadn't yet won, these groups would still be fighting, organizing and exploring new tactics that work. This is the power of grassroots organizing--throwing everything we've got at our opponent, from all angles, until we win.

Let this be an example of effective grassroots organizing and what happens when different groups communicate and work in adjunction to one another. Any one technique is typically seen as being inefficient and not enough to create change. Those who hate on bureaucracy as not being a fair game, those who see direct action as completely useless: take the approach you like. Don't be cynical. Action works. And it's critical that we work together and off each other.

The concept of grassroots action is simple and accessible for everyone to understand-- small groups of people using different techniques to approach change. These groups work together, while small groups ensure that everyone's interest and voice has a place to be heard. The most difficult aspect of grassroots movements is the ability to stay resilient and persistent. Moral has to be high and sustain over defeat. This is where community and justice triumph. Grassroots action works! Celebrate the wins because they are few but will grow as the movements grows.



photo of Thurston Hill tree sit





# UO Board of Trustees

The UO Board of Trustees must be and employee at UO deserves to have a say this Rogues' Gallery, the process whereby the bosses isn't working. This Board is dominated public institution to their own ends. This is an can come together and change.



**MARCIA AARON**

Aaron has been a leading figure in the charter school movement and was on a lobbyist list of charter school leaders recommend to meet with the Trump administrations Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in 2017. Even though the charter school movement has always called for teacher review, LA charter schools have fought vigorously against allowing L.A. Unified School District's inspector general oversite of their campuses. Charters schools are facing growing allegations that special needs students are experiencing high rates of expulsion that opportunistically effect school academic testing metrics.

Others have pointed out significant problems with zero-tolerance, strict discipline charters made famous by the "no excuses" KIPP chain of schools. [EdWeek, 2-20-13]. Gordon Lafer, a political economist at the University of Oregon, "questions why an educational model deemed substandard for more privileged suburban children is being so vigorously promoted—perhaps even forced—on poor children..." [Economic Policy Institute, 4-24-14].

With over 90% of KIPP L.A. students being Black and Latino, worries of private cash cow exploitation of minority communities take on an even more Jim Crow dimension. Last year, Founding Executive Director of KIPP L.A. Marcia Arron boosted funding for the charter network through sizable grant from the Gates Foundation. How KIPP secured a half million from the Gates foundation is unclear, but the connection may be closer to UO than we imagine.



**PETER BRAGDON**

Peter Bragdon is the "hedge knight" of the Feudal world of sweatshop produced brand name footwear. Though other knightly aristocracy may have more sway over the fiefdom of UO, one can be sure that the interests of global sweatshop manufacturing are well represented on our Board of Trustees.

Bragdon is currently Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel of Columbia Sportswear Company. In 2011 Columbia Sportswear was found to have been using Vietnamese prison slave labor in its manufacturing, to which Bragdon claimed it was a, "surprise to us [Columbia]." But just last year Columbia was found to have largely ignored reports of violence and other serious abuses against workers at an Indian factory making their brand name clothes. In the 2018 report the Worker Rights Consortium outlined how companies including Columbia, "do not take their own human rights commitments seriously. As a result, neither do their suppliers."

Bragdon's tenure as general counsel at Columbia has shown a company unconcerned with a continuing pattern of labor violations. At the same time the Executive VP is happy to mansplain his way into conversations about environmental advocacy alongside clearly more activist driven outdoor companies like Patagonia.



**ROSS KARI**

When you're taking over a bailed-out mortgage finance company that America taxpayers paid \$61 billion to keep floating, it's important to make sure you get your 2 million signing bonus, on top of your 3.5 million in annual pay. Ross Kari made sure he got his priorities straight when he took over Freddie Mac in 2009 just after the financial crisis. He made sure to do it quick before Congress could cap the executive compensation for a company undergoing government conservatorship. By 2012 the Federal Housing Finance Agency announced it would cap annual executive compensation at \$500,000 and word was that Congress might move to limit it further to 275,000. A year later he said goodbye to Freddie Mac and retired before the pay cuts took effect. Kari has carried his same tax free priorities into his current leisurely position on the board of Goldman Sachs. Another financial institution closely connected to the 2008 financial crisis and with broad influence over financial and regulatory policy in Washington. The UO Board of Trustees must consider itself lucky to have someone so skilled at securing public money to cover the losses of grossly mismanaged investment...



**CHARLES LILLIS**

If anyone in the world can prove that a capitalist monopoly is less efficient than a Soviet collective, it's Chuck Lillis. As the Executive VP and Chief Planning Officer of the 90's telecommunications company US West, Lillis somehow managed to neglect the phone service instillation for some 220,000 customers for two to six months on average. All the while US West boasted massive profits and indulged in exotic overseas investments. At the same time they drastically cut infrastructure investments on the Bell Telephone network and argued for rate hikes with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. US West's monopoly stretched from Oregon to Iowa and ranked neighborhoods by the income of their residents. Based on neighborhood income it used a gold, platinum or bronze ranking system to give priority for service. It also used this same classist system to make infrastructure decisions, with high income areas getting first service priority.

While US West was ranked worst local telephone company in the country it used its billions in overseas investments to sweeten the deal for a \$45.2 billion merger with Qwest. Lillis's slice of this was none to small but him and several former US West employees formed Media One with the carcass of US West's cable assets. They turned around and sold Media One in under a year to AT&T for a tidy \$62.5 billion. They then shared \$117 million upon closing the deal.

All of this before a consumer class action lawsuit came down on US West for extreme delays in service.

I feel I must apologize to any former Soviet collectives for unjustly comparing their efficiency to Mr. Lillis's business practices.

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# Rogue's Gallery

democratized. Every student, faculty member, in how this community works. As shown by President of the University nominates his own by private corporate interests who bend our inequitable situation that the community of UO



**ALLYN FORD**

The environmentalist community hardly needs an introduction to Allyn Ford. This guy never saw a forest he didn't want to clear-cut, and has built a robust career making sure he could do exactly that. From laying off a one legged worker without benefits, to putting a gag order on an entire town to prevent discussion of drinking water privatization, it's hard to know where to start with Allyn Ford. On top of privatizing water, Roseburg Forest Products (RFP), Allen Ford's company, has a bad habit of spilling oil into water sources, which has happened on three different occasions. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality fined RFP the pathetic sum of \$8,400 for all three spills that leaked oil in the South Umpqua River. In the 2003 Forbes article, top ten land owners in America placed Allyn Ford as number eight.

However this success has done little to stem his appetite for federal timber sale logging contracts in Oregon and Washington; Allyn being the largest procurer of these federal timber contracts, most of which are old-growth and native forests. RFP has become so flagrant in its disregard for logging regulations that they cut over 200 old growth trees in the Flat Top area of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness, to which they received a slap on the wrist. This suggests that the company is in business of not caring about environmental regulation fines and shrugged off a \$130,000 air pollution fine by one of its Montana mills in 2013.

This year RFP is at the center of an investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Yes, I.C.E) for using wood from the okoume tree, found only in the Congo Basin in West Africa. Allyn Ford is the sole owner of Roseburg Forest Products but also controls some other pretty serious assets like Umpqua Bank, International paper, and even the Ford Family Foundation!



**JOSEPH GONYEA III**

As a 5th generation timber industry aristocrat, it's hard to imagine how Joseph Gonyea III isn't part of the problem. Gonyea is CEO of Timber Products Company in Springfield, and is a leader in the Hardwood plywood market (I'm no expert, but making hardwood into plywood sounds like putting lobster on pizza). Despite his stupendously clean media profile, Gonyea has managed to insert himself into the controversy behind Hayward Field's construction. The state legislature, and former Governor Kitzhaber, were at the time relatively cold about supplementing the project with \$40 million in public funding. But Kitzhaber suddenly reversed course as large campaign donations from Phil Knight and four UO Board of Trustee members came rolling in. Uncle Phil of course led the pack, with a \$250,000 donation, and of the four board members, Gonyea came in last, with a paltry \$2,500.

Yet as the Hayward Field project is now moving forward with a nice public subsidy, there seems to be some astonishingly high quality hardwoods being attached to the structure. Still, Gonyea is a man under siege in an industry beset by low cost Chinese imports. In such a tight belt environment, Timber Products Company had to very carefully consider the purchase of its new Citation Sovereign private jet. Despite keeping his cards close to his chest, Gonyea is a major Republican campaign contributor, and part of a logging industry heavily dependent on access to public lands to subsidize its clear-cutting forestry practices. Oh and dude, your company website is broken.



**President  
MICHAEL SCHILL**

The infamy of President Michael Schill has taken on a life of its own in some circles at UO. From likening student protesters to fascists in a New York Times column, to not firing a law professor who dressed in black face, it's a wonder Schill can still speak publically at all on campus. All the while he has been a major force in the privatization of campus spending priorities, while simultaneously undermining the labor contract of the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTF), some of the lowest payed employees on campus. The anecdote of him being utterly flummoxed when getting a call from Phil Knight in the middle of union negotiations goes a long way to illustrate President Schill's bumbling persona. It would be funny if it wasn't perfectly clear to everyone that Phil Knight truly does run things at UO. As large capital improvement projects like the Phil and Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact start to look like Nike outsourcing its R&D department, it's hard to justify these large projects dominating the budget cycle. At the same time that the Democrats control the state, many are starting to wonder why money isn't falling out of the sky on UO. Unfortunately the word on the street is that the politicians in Salem (that our student leadership has had conversations with) don't think we have our priorities straight. UO has become a campus completely beholden to private interests in the eyes of many political figures. And after doing extensive research for this UO Board of Trustees Rogues' Gallery, I too have come to this conclusion.



**CONNIE BALLMER**

It's the data stupid!

Connie Ballmer sits on the board of the Ballmer foundation with her husband Steve the former CEO of Microsoft. Their foundation is part of a long line of tech billionaire foundations (Gates foundation, Bezos Family Foundation, Blue Meridian Partners) focused on education and early childhood development. Why are tech billionaires throwing huge amounts of money into charter schools and early childhood education? Why are they vastly outspending teachers unions on ballot measures to expand charters and limit local unions? The short answer is it's a data grab by the largest tech companies.

Just last year, Ballmer Group put \$59 million into 'Social Solutions' a company that Kansas City schools announced they will use to share student data with a range of non-profits. Connie Ballmer is on the board of the Strive Together, a non-profit which invested in Social Solutions and their "impact measurement software."

Not only are school districts being pushed software that will implement a new battery of testing metrics, but the data is then being used to lay the groundwork for what is being called the new social impact investment market. "Children are being turned into data so the debt associated with funds allocated to provide education and social services to them can be traded on global markets," says Wrench in the Gears education blog. "The financial and technology interests that aim to capture and analyze sensitive data to inform speculative investments are the ones who will benefit. Not children pushed onto surveillance play tables so their data can be harvested. Not mothers forced to track their "goals" on an app created by a social entrepreneur."

When one begins to see the implications of turning children's educational data into investment opportunities on the open market, the veneer of philanthropy quickly begins to fall away.



# WHEAT PASTING 101

Wheat pasting is a direct action technique for communicating with your neighbors by redecorating the town with posters & fliers

## MAKING THE PASTE

### what you'll need:



whole wheat flour



a pot



water



heat



a big spoon

want to make more or less paste? it's always 1 : 4 flour to water ratio

- 1 boil 2 cups of water



Beware of legal risks of wheat pasting on public or private property!

- 2 stir in 1/2 cup of flour



(add a pinch of sugar for extra stickiness)

mix until thick and smooth, then remove from heat. use it as soon as possible

- 1 pick a smooth, clean-ish spot. metal + glass are best.

- 2 apply a thin layer of paste on the surface

- 3 stick up the propaganda

- 4 smooth out any wrinkles + bubbles

## PASTING THE POSTERS

### what you'll need

a bucket or container



the wheat paste



propaganda

paint brushes



or rollers

- 5 apply another thin layer of paste on top

**Be safe & have fun!**

by Laurabell for Insurgent

### Poetry by Anonymous

Dipped my toes in pools of lithium  
Snaked my tongue around my cranium  
Found my friends, to calm my fears  
We're so ugly, broke our reflections

Eyes wide closed, you read my palm  
Bathed in light of a cheap sitcom  
Step behind curtain, try my skin  
Wear it to your junior prom

Insist that we're ruled by hour  
Striking of the cosmic bell tower  
It is dreamt delicately of  
Glowing from and ocher shower  
Left you blind, your searching  
Stripped of your sight, your pride

Dawning, break my fall  
Light through yonder window day breaks  
Righteous, know it all  
Constellations burn

We don't **DUCK** with

the

**UNIVERSITY'S  
BULLYING**



I'll be taking  
that!

Property  
of

Grand Staff

Native Tribes

Environment

With love and  
respect

## Book Review by Matt Golinski

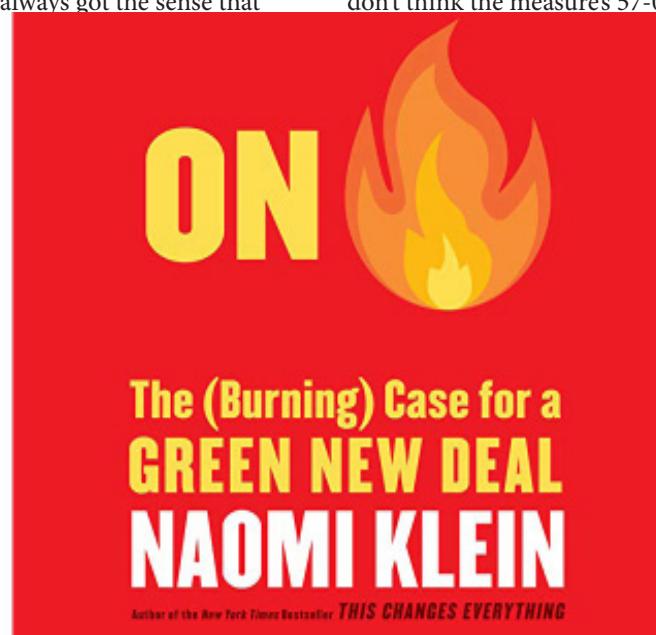
### On Fire By Naomi Klein

Naomi Klein is a prominent Canadian intellectual who first gained world attention with her 1999 investigative work "No Logo," which took an incisive look at branding and globalization. She has since published six more books, all dealing with the fallout of modern capitalism. From what little I've read by Klein, I always got the sense that she was very open-minded, yet necessarily skeptical of political subterfuges (really, 'outside' politics), and keen on providing nuanced insights. Thusly, she seemed to me like the perfect person to write a thoughtful, lucid analysis of the so-called "Green New Deal," proposed in February by representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and endorsed, at least in part, by many prominent democratic presidential candidates, including Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker, and Kamala Harris.

In 300 pages, Klein makes a number of good points, arguing, for instance, that "othering" the process by which those of us in the Western world habitually turn a blind eye to the troubles of largely non-white nations is an increasingly relevant dimension of the crisis, and that many environmental tragedies in poverty-stricken countries can be traced back to the decisions of first world policymakers (well, her analysis goes deeper than that).

All the while, her data, much of which I was not aware of, shows that we are facing a very ugly scenario climate-wise, and that we really do have a very short window of time in which to act if we want to prevent cataclysms. Klein urges that "radical change" must be made to the current system within eleven years (a number derived from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), if ecological disasters ("sea level rise that would swallow coastal towns, the total die-off of coral reefs, and droughts that would wipe out crops in huge parts of the world") are to be avoided. I was nodding along with all of it...

...and was thusly confounded by Klein's idea that a Green New Deal will more or



less fix everything. I don't doubt that Klein is sincerely focused on finding solutions, and I admire representative Cortez, and others like her, for placing environmentalism central enough in their hearts to think through such a proposal. But on the other hand, I don't think the measure's 57-0 vote in the senate this March ("On Fire" was published in September, so Klein was surely aware of that development, although I don't remember it being mentioned in the book) was just some fluke, or that much has changed since then. It requires a faith in electoral politics that goes far beyond my own to say that in the next few years we could ever see the top-down implementation of a truly massive progressive initiative, encompassing free college, free health insurance, and the widespread nationalization of public services.

Rather, politically motivated action must come in the form of civil disobedience; this alone could ever stand a chance at achieving the systemic shocks necessary to reverse emissions within the IPCC's eleven-year window. And for that, we can look to groups like Earth First, the Earth Liberation Front, and the ELA, who have already been fighting the hard fight for years. Of course, the U.S. electorate is far from popular support of such groups, but that would be a real thing to shoot for. It would be the people's backing of the radical struggle that would finally cut through the dark heart of polluters, politicians, and propaganda, curb emissions, and prevent these disasters Klein is so worried about.

There are many insightful parts to this book, particularly Klein's analysis of how climate change is affecting marginalized communities, and I cannot deny that my perspective was considerably broadened through what was said, and by the data she provides. But as Audre Lorde once wrote, "the master's tools will never dismantle the master's house," something worth considering, now more than ever.

### Show Review: Breakneck Flow - Loud Meat - Hippie Fight; Fundraiser for EARTH FIRST! at the Campbell Club

by Matt Golinski.

The Earth First journal was at the center of the "End of Summer, End of Civilization" benefit show at the Campbell Club on Saturday, October 19, tabling alongside representatives from the Student Insurgent and the UO Climate Justice League. Meanwhile, three local Eugene punk rock bands, Breakneck Flow, Loud Meat, and Hippie Fight, played powerful sets in the next room. Is there any better way to show love for the planet than by getting drunk and body slamming people? Possibly, but few as cathartic.

Breakneck Flow was the opening act. It was their first performance at the Campbell Club, and they exceeded expectations. They were young and full of energy, and their driven, fast-paced playing lit a fire in our hearts. It was good, gutsy music, and we were all taken in by it.

Loud Meat, a veteran act in the Eugene punk scene, played next. None in the room looked more "punk" than their towering, mohawked frontman, whose songs about the hassles of working 9-5 stem from personal experience as a jack-of-all-trades about town. This band had a great repertoire with the audience, their entourage (including two older men who shot pool between sets), and amongst themselves, and this warmth was infectious.

Hippie Fight, however, was the show-stopping act. Front man Billy D. had a certain energy that made people laugh with everything he said, whether he was talking about drug tests, Huey Lewis and the News, or his own band (the name of which, by the way, can be thought of as a kind of Rorschach test- it has no fixed meaning). They played several intense, mosh-pit fueling songs, and their thoughtful songwriting was exemplified on the inspired "Market of Choice Sucks."

Between these three bands, the organizations tabling, and the always terrific Campbell Club hosting, everything came together to make for a great evening. Most importantly, Earth First was able to raise over four hundred dollars, which will help advance their noble cause.

Keep an eye out for upcoming shows by Breakneck Flow, Loud Meat, and Hippie Fight, support Earth First, and be sure to stop by the next Climate Justice meeting, held every Tuesday at 6PM in EMU 119. Rock on!



**JOHN ZERZAN**  
Internationally known anarchist talk show based at our very own University of Oregon. Going on twenty years at KWVA Radio! Listen in 7PM Tuesdays on channel **88.1** or [kwvaradio.org](http://kwvaradio.org).

In our last issue, a lot of our content was centered around unions and labor rights. We later realized that not everyone is as well-versed in labor-centric vocabulary as us nerds, so we made a labor glossary. Whether you need help understanding our articles, or just want to learn more about unions, we hope this glossary helps!

**UNION:** AN ORGANIZED GROUP OF PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THEIR WORK CONDITIONS THROUGH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

### BARGAINING:

NEGOTIATING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

**GTF OR GE:** GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOW OR GRADUATE EMPLOYEE

### CLASSIFIED WORKERS:

GENERALLY REFERS TO BLUE COLLAR WORKERS, IE TRADE WORKERS LIKE ELECTRICIANS, SUPPORT WORKERS LIKE JANITORS AND FOOD SERVICE WORKERS, ETC.

**SEIU:** SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION. THIS UNION REPRESENTS OVER 1.9 MILLION WORKERS. IT HAS HUNDREDS OF BRANCHES THAT FOCUS ON LOCAL ISSUES.

**IMPASSÉ:** WHEN TWO PARTIES CAN'T AGREE ON A SOLUTION. IN LEGAL USAGE, IF IMPASSÉ IS REACHED, THE EMPLOYER IS PERMITTED TO UNILATERALLY IMPOSE ITS LATEST OFFER

**GTFF:** GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOW FOUNDATION. A GROUP REPRESENTING UO'S GRAD STUDENT EMPLOYEES

**STRIKE:** EMPLOYEE'S REFUSAL TO WORK AS A FORM OF PROTEST, TYPICALLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN A CONCESSION FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS



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**Deadline for Submissions NOVEMBER 21**

Cascadia Action Network (CAN) is making a printed zine!

**Topic: "Migrant Justice x Climate Justice"**

Climate change currently does and will continue to exacerbate immigration issues. These topics are intertwined and need our attention. We want to spread awareness and would love help!

**Looking for submissions!**  
**Art/poetry/stories/prose**

(limit of 2 pages per submission)

**Deadline: Nov 8**  
Please send any submissions in PDF format to  
[climatechangesux@gmail.com](mailto:climatechangesux@gmail.com)  
Thank you!





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## Eugene and University Resource Guide

### ROAR Center

#### ROAR

The University's center for radical left organizing. Learn about radical organizing, chat about leftist political theory, and get involved with radical campus movements. Past ROAR campaigns include protesting UO's use of prison labor and staging die-ins against the war on Syria. ROAR hosts radical speaking events on campus throughout the year. Meetings at 4 on Mondays. Contact [ROARCenter@gmail.com](mailto:ROARCenter@gmail.com)

#### Student Labor Action Project (SLAP)

Past and current campaigns include petitioning for Measure 97, \$15 Now, GTFF strike, and protecting the rights of student dining workers. Contact [UOSlap@gmail.com](mailto:UOSlap@gmail.com) to get involved.

#### Insurgent Magazine (that's us)

Weekly meetings in the ROAR center Tuesdays at 7 in ROAR

#### Oregon Voice Magazine

OV is a pop culture magazine on campus at the University of Oregon that is open to anyone interested in publishing their artistic creations. Meetings weekly on Wednesdays at 7

#### Campus Groups

**Native American Student Union (NASU)** assists American Indian, Alaskan Natives and welcomes all Indigenous Peoples across North and South America, including the Pacific Islands, in maintaining their cultural ties while pursuing their educational goals. Meetings Thursdays at 5:30 in the Longhouse

**UO MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan)** A group centered on Mexican American identity; promotes higher education, cultura, and historia. Meetings are Wednesday at 6 in the Multicultural Center

#### Black Student Union (BSU)

Encourages a positive image of African Americans and to support its members in achieving their educational goals. Meetings Wednesdays at 6 in Mills International Center

#### UO Climate Justice League

Past campaigns include the effort to force the University endowment to divest from fossil fuels, as well as pressing the university to power its facilities with renewable sources. Get in contact at [climatejusticeleague@gmail.com](mailto:climatejusticeleague@gmail.com). Meetings Mondays at 6 in EMU Diamond Lake room

#### Cascadia Action Network (CAN)

CAN is the empowered new generation dedicated to environmental and social justice. Meetings Alternating Mondays at 6:30pm in EMU Swindel's room

#### Campus Resources

##### Student Survivor Legal Services

For free legal support to student survivors of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, call 541-346-8619 or visit [law.uoregon.edu/survivor](http://law.uoregon.edu/survivor)

##### Safe Ride

Call 541-346-RIDE (extension 2) to schedule a free ride! Want to volunteer? Email [saferide@uoregon.edu](mailto:saferide@uoregon.edu)

##### Student Food Pantry

Open Wednesday and Thursday from 4pm to 6pm. Open to UO, LCC, GC, and NCU students with ID. The Pantry is located in the garage of the ECM House at 1329 E. 19th Avenue.

Visit [UOregon.edu/onestop](http://UOregon.edu/onestop) for more campus resources

#### Local Resources

**CAHOOTS** (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets) provides mobile crisis intervention 24/7 in the Eugene-Springfield Metro area. Each team consists of a medic & a crisis worker. CAHOOTS provides immediate stabilization in case of urgent medical need or psychological crisis, assessment, information, referral, advocacy. Call 541-682-5111 (dispatches through Eugene Police Department - ask for Cahoots)

#### White Bird Clinic

Counseling and Crisis Services: 541-342-8255 / 341 E 12th Ave, Eugene OR 97401  
Dental Clinic: 541-344-8302 / 1400 Mill St, Eugene OR  
Visit [WhiteBirdClinic.org](http://WhiteBirdClinic.org) for more information.

#### Food Not Bombs Eugene

FNB is a decentralized global network of collectives that aims to provide free, vegan meals for all to fight hunger. Get in contact at [eugenefoodnotbombs@gmail.com](mailto:eugenefoodnotbombs@gmail.com)

#### Local Groups

##### Cascadia Forest Defenders

Direct action group focused on defending the forests of the Pacific Northwest from logging and development. Weekly meetings at Grower's Market first Monday each month at 6pm.

##### Neighborhood Anarchist Collective

Non-violent, direct-action, mutual aid organization for anarchists in the community. Find them on Facebook for more information.

##### Sunrise

Youth-lead coalition against climate change. Meetings Sundays at 6pm, location TBD. Find @sunrise.eug on Facebook for more info.

# NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 GTFF Ready to Strike Rally 12 Johnson Hall Sunrise benefit show 8pm Address on Facebook	2 Horrors of Capitalism party (ask an Insurgent for info)
3 Sunrise 6pm	4 ROAR 4pm CAN 6pm	Insurgent @ 7pm Pitch meeting Debbie Bookchin 6:30pm Lillis 185	6 BSU 6pm MEChA 6pm OV 7pm YDS 7pm	7 NASU 5:30pm	8	9 Show at Spectrum 6pm
10 Sunrise 6pm	11 ROAR 4pm	12 Insurgent @ 7pm Rough Drafts due UO YDS Fair Housing 6pm McKenzie 240A	13 BSU 6pm MEChA 6pm OV 7pm YDS 7pm	14 NASU 5:30pm	15	16 Show at Luckey's 10pm
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